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1. ☐ The amendment filed on 11 April 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

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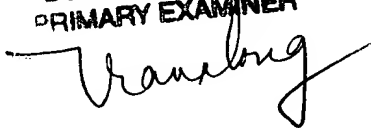
b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

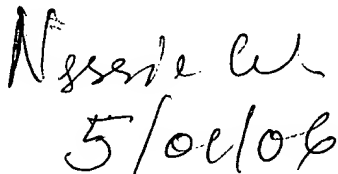
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

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